GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2922
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2001
I.L.O. NORMS FOR PACKAGING .
TARACHAND BHAGORA

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have decided to implement 50 kgs. of weight for packaging foodgrains and sugar like Cement and Urea for Non-Jute-Packaging as decided in C.C.E.A. meeting held on July 18, 2000, while extending J.P.M. Act, 1987 provisions for 2000-2001;

(b) If so, whether it was done to implement he I.L.O. Norms for protection of health and safety of millions of our workers?

(c) Whether the Government have issued instructions for strict enforcement in Jute Bags both for domestic and imported items for packaging; and

(d) If so, the details thereof and the reasons for violation of the Orders by Jute Mills as 50 kgs.Bags are not available, particularly for Sugar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention No.127prescribes the maximum permissible weight as 55 kgs. This is pending for ratification. However, efforts are being made to shift to packaging in 50 kgs bags.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Jute bags of 50 kgs can be supplied by jute industry on demand. Such bags are being supplied for procurement of wheat